

B-3387 - B-3395  
202-236 E. Cross St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1845-1885

The north side of the 200 block of E. Cross St. was developed in an easterly moving direction, beginning from the corner of William St. and moving easterly towards Riverside Ave. John T. Grindall built a row of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses at 202-210 E. Cross St. in the late 1840's, contemporaneously with the similar row he built to the north along William St. Of this group only 204 and 208 E. Cross St. retain their original exterior form; 202, 206, and 210 E. Cross St. have been enlarged and are now three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. 212-222 E. Cross St. is a group of three story, mainly three bay wide brick houses (the exceptions are 214 and 216 which are only two bays wide), with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1870's to served a mixed commercial/residential function, as they do today. The original Victorian storefront is still intact (though deteriorated) at 212 E. Cross St. and is noteworthy as being one of the few surviving Italianate-style storefronts in the area. At 224-232 E. Cross St. there is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1880's by Nicholas Popplein. To the east, at 234-236 E. Cross St. is a pair of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice, built by Popplein in the same period.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

B-3394  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

224-232 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE  
Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

B-3394

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED (228-232)  
☒ ALTERED (224, 226)

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This group of two story, three bay brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices were built in the 1880's as part of the development of the eastern end of this block of Cross St. 224 and 226 Cross have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two stories in height, about 14' wide, and occupy lots 70' deep (except for 224 where the lot is 116' deep). Each house has a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond but 224 and 226 Cross have been covered with formstone. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice which is continuous for 224-228 Cross and again for 230-232 Cross. The cornice consists of a deeply projecting crown molding set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs. Four grooved brackets per house (end brackets being shared by adjoining houses) support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip which is missing at 224 and 226 Cross. There are no extant roof chimneys.

All of the door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills of the first floor windows are marble; those of the second floor windows are wood. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. All of the houses except for 230 Cross have modern flush doors. 230 Cross has a multi-light glass and panel door. All of the doors are set beneath single light transoms. The houses sit on fairly high basements, the entrances being reached by three marble steps each. The entire basement area of the facade of each house is faced with marble. Each house has two square basement openings located beneath the first floor windows.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1879-1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Nicholas Popplein

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This group of houses is representative of a large group of such two story, Victorian-style houses built in the 1870's and 1880's in this section of Federal Hill to accomodate the rapidly growing number of workers wmployed in the nearby shipyards, packing plants, and factories located along the waterfront east of Covington St. This group is typical of the more elaborate, more expensive version of the two story Victorian-style house built in the area, each house being three bays wide instead of two, and have a separate stair hall area and tiled entrance vestibule. The basement area of the facade is faced with cut stone, another more expensive touch. This version of the basic two-room deep, two story Victorian house was built for a slightly more established class of working class people, who could afford to live in larger, more comfortable surroundings.

The houses were built by Nicholas Popplein as part of his development of the eastern section of the block bounded by William St., Cross St., Riverside Ave., and Grindall St. At first the houses were rented, but after Popplein's death his widow sold them to individual owners. The first owner of 224 E. Cross St. was a Johnson Frampton, a mariner, who lived here in the 1890's. The first owner of 226 E. Cross St. was an Edwin Dunnock, a conductor.<sup>1</sup> The other three houses remained in the Popplein family as rental property.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, LiberJB 1316, Folio 459; JB 1460, Folio 498; Baltimore City Directory, 1891, 1894

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber DEJB 1547, Folio 444

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14'6" x 116' (224); 13'10" x 70' (226,228,230,232)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

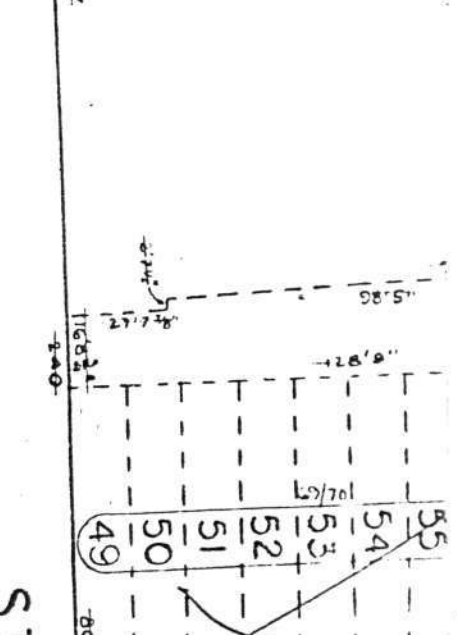
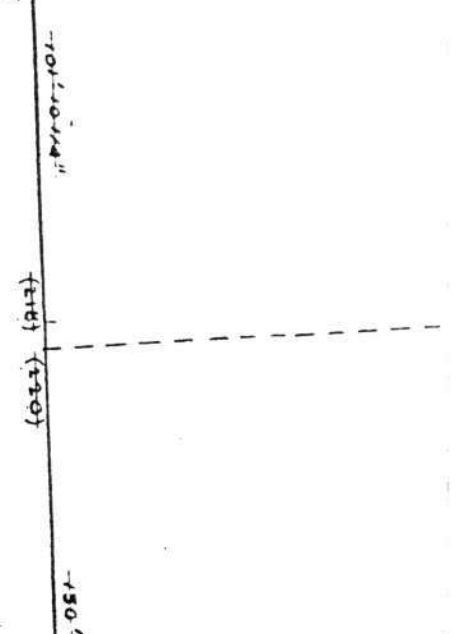
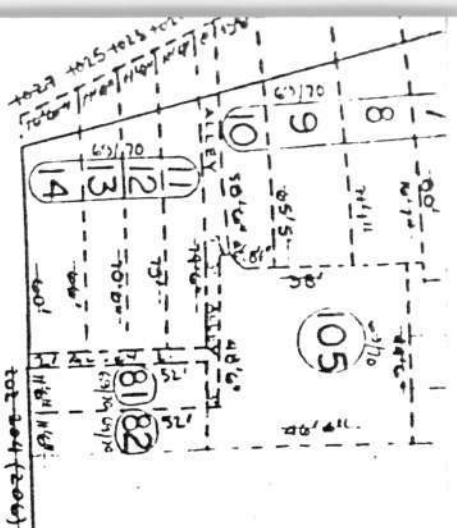
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WILLIAM

GRINDALL

E. CROSS



ST.

RIVERSIDE

952

1918

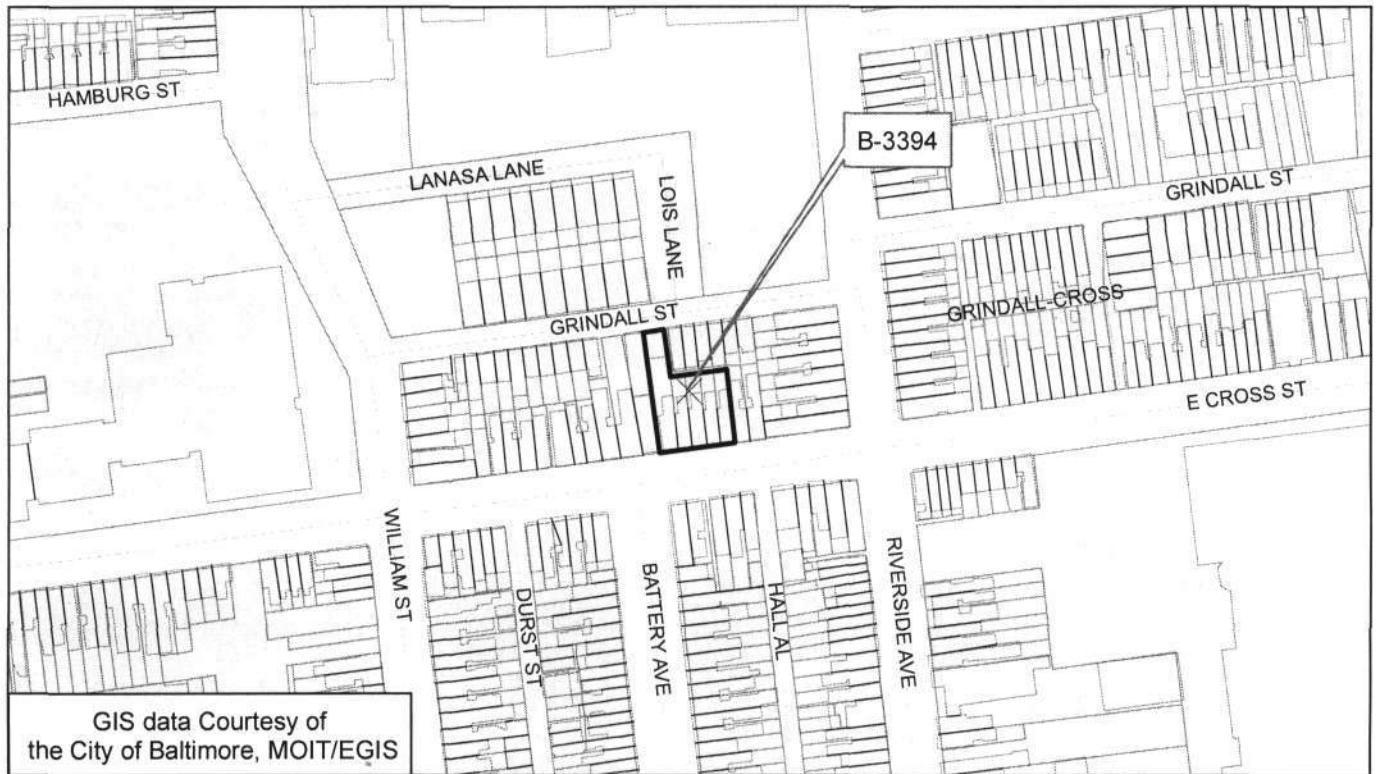
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CITY OF



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224-232 E. Cross Street  
Block 0937 Lots 034-038  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







B-3394      224-232 E. Cross St.

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South elevation



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226-228 E. Cross St.

-M.E.H.

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South elevations